

# DMAS-DADS LTSS Screening Program Staff



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# SCREENING CONNECTIONS FOR LTSS SCREENERS

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# Logistics

- ❑ Post your questions for today's session in the Q&A box
- ❑ Detailed questions about an individual case can be sent to: [ScreeningAssistance@dmas.virginia.gov](mailto:ScreeningAssistance@dmas.virginia.gov)

**Send us your ideas for a future topic**  
**Any questions you want answered on**  
**the call should be sent at least by**  
**Friday, the week before the call.**



# Logistics

PowerPoints from the Screening Connection Call are posted on the DMAS Website Under Long Term Care: URL <http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/#/longtermprograms>

At the top of the page choose the tab for

## SCREENING FOR LTSS

look down the page for Screening Connection call information

The screenshot shows the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) website. The header includes the DMAS logo with the tagline 'INNOVATION • QUALITY • VALUE' and the text 'Department of Medical Assistance Services'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. A horizontal navigation bar contains several tabs: 'LTSS Home', 'Electronic Visit Verification', 'PACE', 'Money Follows the Person', 'Civil Monetary Penalties', and 'Screening for LTSS'. A yellow arrow points to the 'Screening for LTSS' tab. Below this bar, the text 'Screening for LTC Service and Supports' is displayed. A teal banner reads 'LTSS Training Announcement'. The main content area features a section titled 'Attention all Authorized Screeners for DMAS Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS)'. The text in this section describes on-line training for screeners and provides a link to the training module: <https://medicaidltss.training.partnership.vcu.edu/intromodule/intro.html>. A yellow arrow points to the 'Long Term Care' link in the left sidebar. At the bottom, there is a link to register: <https://medicaidltss.training.partnership.vcu.edu/register>.

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LTSS Training Announcement

Attention all Authorized Screeners for DMAS Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS)

The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) and Virginia Commonwealth University, Partnership for People with Disabilities are pleased to provide on-line, modular training related to the Medicaid Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Screening process. This training is being offered to enable Screeners to meet Virginia regulation provisions regarding the LTSS Screening process and to meet training requirements as stated in 12VAC30-60-310.

Information regarding the training is provided below. We encourage you to review the introduction module prior to registering for the training as the module provides useful information regarding how to proceed in the registration process. This module can be accessed here: <https://medicaidltss.training.partnership.vcu.edu/intromodule/intro.html>

Screeners and guests should allow approximately five hours for the full training. Physicians taking only Module 5 should allow at least 30 minutes.

You do not need to complete the training in one session and are free to leave the training site and return as many times as you'd like.

Click link below to register either as a screener or as a guest:  
<https://medicaidltss.training.partnership.vcu.edu/register>

Additional instructions and contact information for DMAS Medicaid LTSS Training can be found here:

# Today's Conversation



- Highlighted Questions and Issues from Screening Assistance

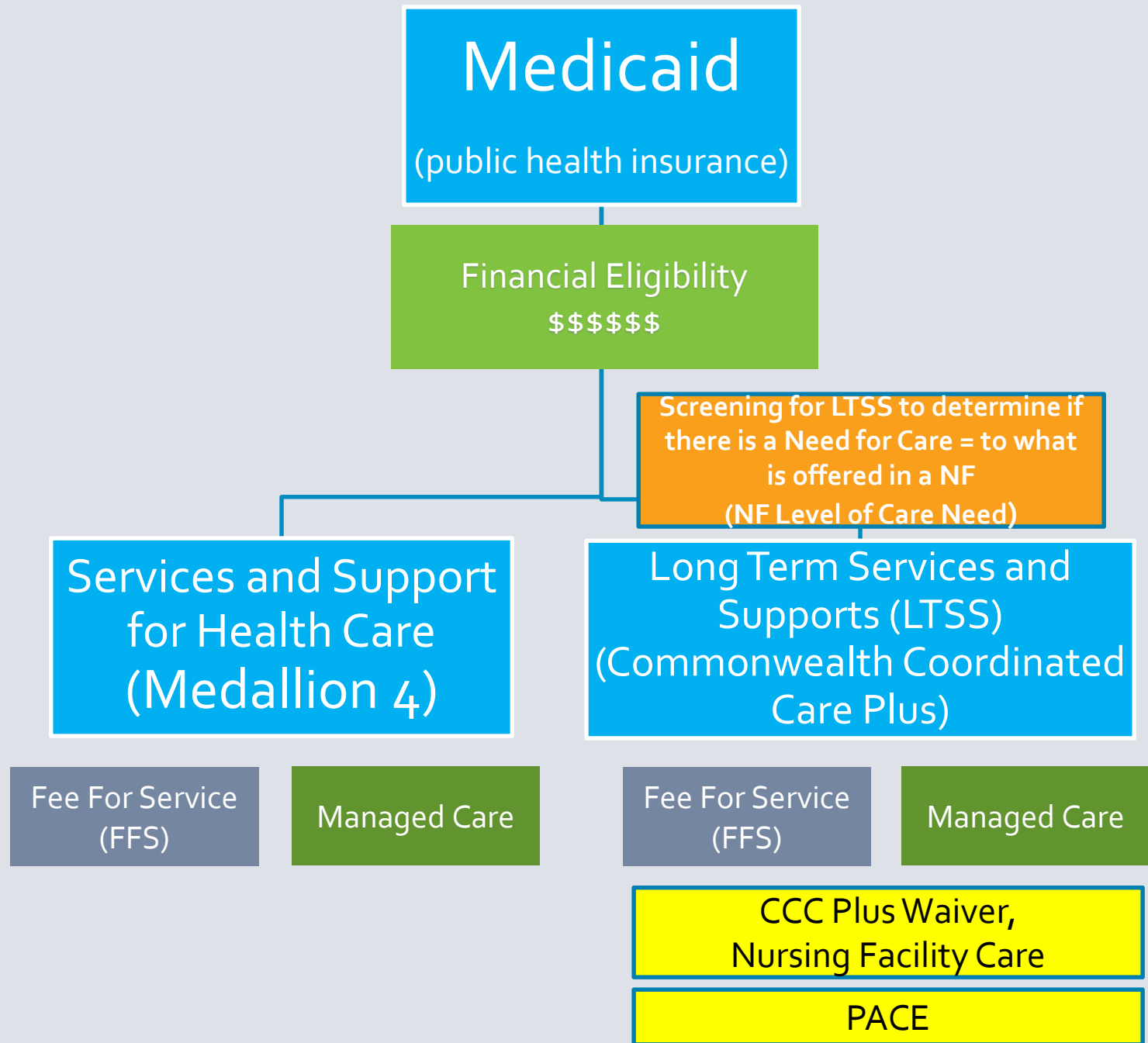
- Questions and Answers from Call Participants



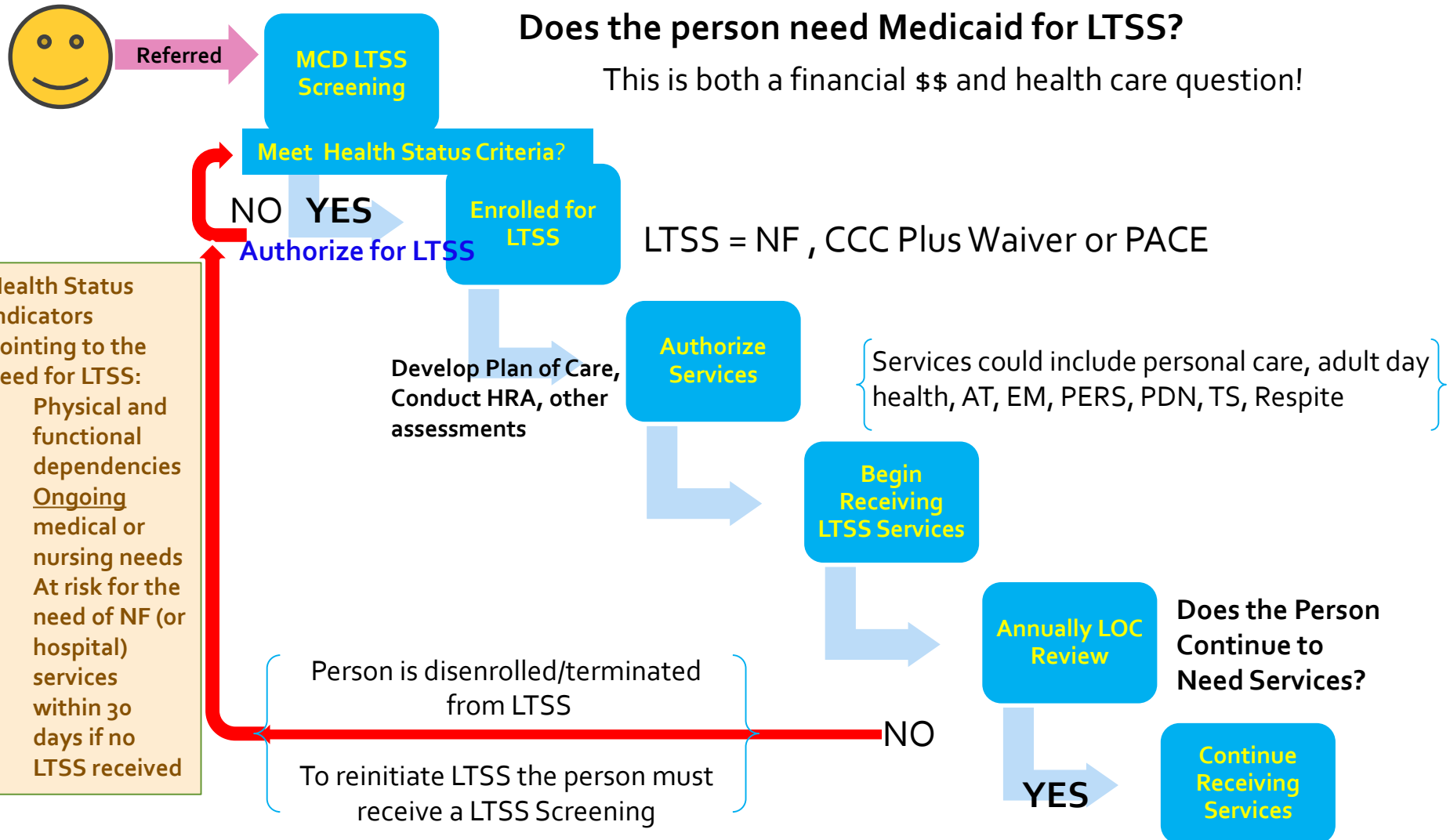
# Updates: List of Topic Questions



- ❑ When is a Medicaid LTSS Screening Required?
- ❑ What's the difference between authorization and enrollment?
- ❑ Why don't we call the Medicaid LTSS Screening PAS or UAI?
- ❑ What change occurred for in the Code of Virginia related to Medicaid LTSS Screening?
- ❑ Who do you contact for MCD LTSS Screening training issues?
- ❑ Are COVID-19 flexibilities still in place?
- ❑ Who can change a MCD LTSS Screening or request a change?
- ❑ When is the next Screening Connection call?



# When is a Medicaid LTSS Screening Needed?



**Authorizing LTSS, Enrollment for LTSS and Authorizing LTSS Services all happen in quick succession!**



# The Initial Medicaid LTSS Screening And The Medicaid Annual Review Process (with CCC Plus waiver, PACE and MDS with Physician's Certification in NF) ARE COMPANION PROCESSES

An individual 'gets into' Medicaid LTSS by the Medicaid LTSS Screening. Once enrolled in LTSS the individual is allowed to stay in the Medicaid LTSS by having an annual level of care review.

# Authorization for a Program, Enrollment, Services Authorization

## Medicaid LTSS



## Going to College

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Medicaid LTSS Screening determines and may Authorize the 'level of care needed' meets criteria set of nursing facility care<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Decide what type of setting (Community or NF)</li></ul></li><li>■ Enrollment: DMAS Medicaid</li><li>■ Services authorization</li><li>■ Annual review of care needs enables individual to remain in Medicaid LTSS (CCC Plus waiver, PACE or NF)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ SAT Confirms the aptitude to go to college<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Review college options</li></ul></li><li>■ Applying and acceptance at a college</li><li>■ Class registration</li><li>■ Tests, grades, GPA that enables student to stay in college</li></ul> |
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# When is a NEW LTSS Screening Needed?



- Initial need for Medicaid LTSS.
- When someone disenrolls (terminated) from Medicaid LTSS either because the person does not meet Level of Care criteria or financial eligibility and that person wants to re-establish Medicaid LTSS.
- Level of Care for LTSS has been end dated and there is no continuation of another type of LTSS

Should someone “hold onto the LTSS Screening” and use it two, three, 10 years later?

NO!

- Current Best Practice and Recommendation  
Individuals should be enrolled in Medicaid LTSS within one year of the date of screening if they are approved for ‘Level of Care’ or ‘Exception Indicators’ “1”, “9” “A” or “PP”
  - Level of Care needs to be evaluated annually
  - Health status may change

*If someone can live independently without LTSS for a year, how can this person be at risk for institutionalization within 30 days?*

# The Need for Nursing Facility Level of Care Should be Checked Annually

A person who receives a LTSS Screening should enroll within a year of the screening.



The original intent for the LTSS screening is that it is used for immediate (or near immediate enrollment for services); however, due to issues of financial spend down, time spent identifying providers, etc. DMAS is allowing that the screening be "good" for a year.

The LTSS options - NF, CCC Plus waiver, PACE ALL require an annual review confirming the level of care.

If an individual's enrollment screening is older than 1 year DMAS highly recommends the best practice procedure that a NEW screening is conducted before a person is enrolled for services.

# LTSS Screening NOT PAS or UAI

Why not? And, Who Cares?



- Eliminate Confusion and Delays
  - PAS [preadmission screening is also a term used to describe screening individuals for mental illness (MI), intellectual disability (ID) and related conditions (RC)]
  - UAI (Uniform Assessment Instrument) statewide tool used by ALFs, mental health, DMAS for LTSS Screening ... however, each program has it's own eligibility criteria

# New Legislation Review

## Code of Virginia § 32.1-330



- The SNF LTSS Screening Team can only screen private pay individuals in SKILLED NF converting to Medicaid and who need LTSS who were admitted directly from a hospital.
- The Hospitals and Community Based Teams will continue to conduct LTSS Screenings.
- Hospitals will conduct Screenings for anyone who is inpatient, has Medicaid, and those who directly request a LTSS Screening (will no longer be mandated to conduct them on persons likely to become Medicaid eligible within 6 months).
- Hospitals will conduct Screenings on Dual eligible individuals- persons having Medicaid and Medicare.

# New Legislation Review

## Practices that are not changing:

- Those already enrolled in LTSS (Long Term Care/Custodial Care) as private pay who become Medicaid eligible, will utilize the MDS/Physician certification to document the NF Level of Care.
- Those individuals that are in the LTSS NF who want to discharge from the facility home with the CCC Plus Waiver or PACE AND do not have a Screening will be Screened by the local Community Based Team (VDH/DSS). The NF discharge planning team will need to contact the local CBT (DSS or VDH) to schedule a LTSS screening before the individual is discharged back into the community.

# LTSS Screening Responsibilities

## SCREENING RESPONSIBILITIES

Funding Source	Is a LTSS Screening Required?	When is the LTSS screening is completed?	Who completes the Medicaid LTSS Screening?
Private Pay*	NO	Not Applicable (NA)	NA
Medicare Only*	NO	NA	NA
Dual Medicare & Medicaid	YES	Prior to admission to SNF or ICF (LTSS)	Hospital (if inpatient) Community-based Team (community resident)
Medicaid only	YES	Prior to admission to SNF or ICF (LTSS)	Hospital (if inpatient) Community-based Team (community resident)
Private Pay or Medicare applying for Medicaid while in SNF	YES	Change of Level of Care from SNF to LTSS	Nursing Facility
REQUESTS: Any time a person requests a LTSS Screening one shall be conducted, regardless of Payment Source	YES	When requested	Community-based Team, Hospital or Nursing Facility

\*Community-Based Teams are continuing to conduct ALL screenings as requested and referred.

\*\* ALL individuals, regardless of payment source, who are being considered for admission to a Medicaid-certified NF (SNF or LTSS NF) SHALL be screened for mental illness, intellectual disability or related conditions, PRIOR to NF admission. Everyone shall follow the PASRR process procedures.



# Medicaid LTSS Screening Training

Hosted on VCU Partnership for People with Disabilities website

[www.medicaidltss.partnership.vcu.edu](http://www.medicaidltss.partnership.vcu.edu)



- Screeners as well as guests are asked to register in order to access the Medicaid LTSS Screening Training. If you have problems with registration, logging in, technical things like name being wrong, assigned to wrong organization. Please contact:

[ppdtechhelp@vcu.edu](mailto:ppdtechhelp@vcu.edu)

- All Medicaid LTSS CONTENT or POLICY Questions come to [ScreeningAssistance@dmas.Virginia.gov](mailto:ScreeningAssistance@dmas.Virginia.gov)

# Update: COVID-19 Flexibilities

Continuing until January 20, 2021: Content listed in the Medicaid Memo dated May 26, 2020

## NFs and Hospitals

- Individuals MAY be admitted to a NF without the Medicaid LTSS Screening directly after discharge from a hospital.
- NF MAY admit individuals without the PASRR Level I Screening and, if needed, Level II Evaluation and Determination.



If an individual remains in the NF at least 30 days, the PASRR process MUST be conducted by the NF.

## CBTs

- May continue to screen using telehealth methods but the individual must be involved.



Extension Memo Date: October 22, 2020

# Who can update a LTSS Screening?



- LTSS Screenings are legal medical documents signed (electronic attestation to the signature) by LTSS Screeners and physician (including Virginia Licensed NPs and PAs)



- Only the originating LTSS Screener can request to change a LTSS Screening once it has been Successfully Processed
- Screening Assistance cannot change a LTSS Screening



# Update

CHECK

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- It is ESSENTIAL you triple check your work on a LTSS Screening PRIOR to hitting the submit button!!!

- ESPECIALLY:

Names, SSN, Medicaid ID, or other demographics

Do NOT expect DMAS LTSS Screening staff to be able to void/fix something on short notice!



**When you do not check your work  
it leads to this!**



# LTSS Screening Connector

NEXT CALL



February 9, 2021

*Join Us!*

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**To all the healthcare  
workers on the  
front lines of the  
coronavirus pandemic:**



**THANK YOU!**





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# Question and Answers

Do you have a question?



*Questions are the path to learning*

# Who to Contact Regarding Medicaid LTSS Screening Issues?



[ScreeningAssistance@dmas.Virginia.gov](mailto:ScreeningAssistance@dmas.Virginia.gov)